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PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EPA Reg. No./File Symbol 1443-RNA  
BURSAN II-M4 (Modified Barium Metaborate)

FROM: Lucy D. Markarian 6/26/90  
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Registration Division (H75-05C)

APPLICANT: Buckman Laboratories, Inc.  
1256 North McLean Blvd.  
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FORMULATION FROM LABEL:

<u>Active Ingredient(s):</u>	<u>% by wt.</u>
<u>Barium metaborate as Ba B<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O</u>	<u>50</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
<u>Inert Ingredient(s): . . . . .</u>	<u>50</u>
Total	100.0%

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INERT INGREDIENT INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED

BACKGROUND: Buckman Laboratories Inc. has submitted inhalation data as support for the registration of Bursan 11-M4 under EPA registration symbol 1443-RNA. The data is gathered using Bursan 11-M1, registered under EPA file symbol 1443-17 and is a manufacturing product composed of 90% Barium Metaborate. Bursan 11-M4 is 50% Bursan 11-M1 and 50% inert. That include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and is an end use product used as paint additive.

It is requested that the adequacy of this test as support for the end product be decided.

Recommendation

Code of Federal Regulations (40CFR Ch I #152.340) requires that all end products to be registered need to have support in inhalation toxicity. Whereas the active ingredient is a registered manufacturing product and the test presented supports that product, Bursan 11-M4 does not have the same percentage of active ingredient, barium metaborate, and has an inert that may also cause toxicity.

Therefore it is concluded that while the test is very much acceptable it does not support the end product. This applicant must submit inhalation data in support of their product Bursan 11-M4.

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**DATA REVIEW FOR ACUTE INHALATION TOXICITY TESTING (S81-3)**

Product Manager: ( 21 ) Reviewer: Lucy J. Markarian  
 MRID No.: 137048 Report Date: 6/26/90  
 Testing Laboratory: Hazleton Labs. of America, Inc., Va Report No.: 97-178  
 Author(s): Tracey Zotis  
 Species: Rat, Sprague Dawley  
 Sex: 15 ♂ + 15 ♀ Weight: Mean group weights 221 - 241g  
 Source: Charles River Breeding Laboratories, Kingston, N.Y.  
 Test Material: Bursan II-M1  
 Quality Assurance (40 CFR §160.12): included

**Summary:**

1. LC50 (mg/kg): Males = \_\_\_\_\_; Females = \_\_\_\_\_; Combined = \_\_\_\_\_
2. The estimated LC50 is Greater than 3.54 mg/L
3. Mean Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tox. Category: III. Classification: Com Guidelines

Procedure (Deviations From S81-2): Exposure was in 100L glass and stainless steel chambers for the two test groups and in a plexiglass chamber for the control group. The test material was introduced into the chamber using two Wright dust feeds generating into the

**Results:**

Exposure Concentration (mg/L)	Reported Mortality (NUMBER KILLED/NUMBER TESTED)		
	Males	Females	Combined
0	0/5	0/5	0/10
2.98	1/5	0/5	1/10
3.54	0/5	1/5	1/10

**Symptomology & Gross Necropsy Findings:**

Tangential input duct at the turret top of the chamber. Air flow was at 16.7 L/min for group 3. For groups 2 the generation air flow was at 10.0 L/min and 6.7 L. Accessory flow. Exposure at all levels was for four hours + gravimetric samples were obtained at hourly intervals of exposure.

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on preweighed Gelman DM-450 Metrical Membrane filters via stainless steel probe extended into the breathing zone of the test animals. The test atmosphere was sampled at the rate of 10L/minute for 3 minutes for Group 2 and 30 seconds to 1 minute for Group 3. Particle size distribution samples were obtained during the exposure using an Andersen Mini Sampler Cascade Impactor placed inside the chamber on top of the animal cage. The chamber atmosphere for particle sizing was sampled at a rate of 1.4L/min for 5 minutes for Group 2 and 3 minutes for Group 3. Samples were obtained after 60 and 120 minutes of exposure. Percentages of total dry weight gain on the collection plates and backup filters were cumulatively plotted against cutoffs on log-normal paper and from this the mass median aerodynamic diameter (MMAD) and geometric standard deviations extrapolated.

	Group I	Group II	Group III
	Control	Test	Test
Nominal concentration		14.52 mg/l	21.70 mg/l
Mean Geometric Concentration		2.98 mg/l	3.54 mg/l
Mass Median aerodynamic diameter		3.47 $\mu$ m (Maximum attainable level)	2.81 $\mu$ m

All animals were observed prior, during and for the post exposure periods. During exposure the observations were at 30 minute intervals and twice daily during the 1 day post exposure

period. Necropsy was performed at termination and at death. Mortality was within 24 hrs in both test groups. Necropsy of these animals revealed that the lungs had failed to collapse in one and the other had dark red lungs.

All animals were covered with dust at exposure. Signs of systemic toxicity during exposure included languid appearance & dyspnea in group II and languid appearance, thick sputum and bloody crust excreta in group III. All these symptoms disappeared by day 2 and the animals remained normal to day 14.

At Necropsy the only gross observations were pinpoint red areas on the lungs of 1 control animal, dilated pelvis of kidneys of one control and two group II animals, and uterine horns filled with fluid in 3 animals, two in group II and one in group III.